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NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE  
NO. M/047/032  
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, STATE OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE A MINING  
AND RECLAMATION PLAN FOR BUENA VENTURA RESOURCES COR-  
PORATION'S ASPHALT RIDGE OIL SANDS PROJECT, UTAH COUNTY,  
UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,  
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PER-  
SONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 30 AND 31, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH,  
RANGE 21 EAST, SLBM, UTAH COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of  
its tentative decision to approve Buena Ventura Resources Cor-  
poration Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Asphalt Ridge Oil  
Sands Project. Mining activities will effect the following area:  
NE1/4 Section 31 and the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of Section 30, Town-  
ship 4 South, Range 21 East, SLBM, Utah County, Utah.

Buena Ventura Resources Corporation has submitted a permit  
application to expand an existing small mining operation to a  
large mining operation. The operator will employ the following  
mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 25.5  
acres of privately owned land.

During Operations: Tar sand will be mined using hydraulic shov-  
els and asphalt reclaimers. Blasting is not anticipated in the tar  
sand mining operation. The mined tar sand is then loaded into  
trucks for haulage for a stockpile at the extraction facility. Raw  
tar sand will be processed with solvent to produce bitumen.  
Bitumen will be processed through distillation into high quality  
asphalt and light distillate products. The bitumen will be sepa-  
rated from the solvent in the atmospheric and vacuum distilla-  
tion towers with solvent recycled back to the extraction facility.  
Clean waste sand will be generated as a by-product. This sand  
will be used to backfill the adjacent tar sand pit which Utah  
County has mined for many years.

After Operations: At the end of the project, completed reclama-  
tion will be performed. Initially waste sand from the solvent ex-  
traction process will be placed against the highwall in the exist-  
ing Utah County pit area. Waste sand will continue to be  
stacked to the east and tied into the overburden stockpile/  
berm until the overall slope is restored and the highwall is  
eliminated. When the existing pit has reached capacity and  
mining progresses to the south, contemporaneous reclamation  
will be performed. Overburden from the newly stripped area will  
be placed on older previously mined out areas of the pit and  
rough graded. Topsoil from the newly stripped area will then be  
placed over the recontoured areas and reseeded. At final reclama-  
tion, concrete foundations from the processing facilities  
will be broken up and buried in the pit area with a minimum of  
three feet of cover. Tanks and associated processing structures  
and facilities will be demolished and/or removed from the site.

In the Utah County disturbed area, topsoil was historically  
removed and mixed with overburden and is not available for  
replacement. Due to the scarcity of topsoil, retopsoiling efforts  
will be focused on areas where adequate topsoil and moisture  
are available to support sustained revegetation.

Reclamation activities will be concentrated where the maxi-  
mum benefit can be achieved in a coordinated effort with  
DOGM. Programs to augment the natural topsoil with recycled  
composts, sewage sludge or agricultural waste will be ex-  
plored if cost effective.

The person representing the company is Mr. Thomas Bachtell,  
President; Phone (801) 537-5610. Buena Ventura Resources Cor-  
poration is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Re-  
clamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. ss 40-8-18.

Any persons or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to  
issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest  
within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann  
Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and  
Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt  
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